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BMC names senior vice president and chief medical officer

John Chessare, MD, MPH, has been named senior vice president and chief medical officer at BMC. He also has been appointed associate dean for clinical affairs at BUSM.

Chessare, who has spent his entire career at academic medical centers, brings nearly 20 years of health care experience to BMC.

In this newly created role, he will be responsible for coordinating, directing and enhancing the voice of physicians, as well as ensuring physician participation in major decisions affecting the medical center. He will also serve as chair of the Medical Management Council.

At BUSM he will help coordinate the school's academic programs at BMC, as well as at its other affiliates.

"We are fortunate that Dr. Chessare has agreed to fill such an important role at BMC," says Elaine Ullian, BMC president and CEO. "He is a proven leader who will be a vital member of our leadership team and help shape the future of the medical center."

"We're extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Chessare," says BUSM Dean Aram Chobanian, provost of BU Medical Campus. "His experience and skills will be invaluable in preserving the high standards of teaching, research and patient care on our campus."

Prior to BMC, Chessare served as vice president for Clinical Process Improvement

at Albany Medical Center, where he was responsible for leading the clinical improvements of a 525-bed, acute care general hospital, with a medical staff of more than 1,000 and a medical school faculty practice plan consisting of more than 300 physicians.

He received his medical degree from the University of Rome in 1979 and his master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He served his residency at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, Mass., and at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. He also completed a fellowship in ambulatory pediatrics at Children's Hospital, Boston. The author of numerous articles, Chessare is also a member of many professional organizations and committees.

"I am excited to be joining an organization with such a rich, wonderful history. I look forward to working with the outstanding medical staff," says Chessare.

Chessare will take over for Patricia Barry, MD, who served as acting senior vice president and chief medical officer during the search process, which began in September. She will continue in this role until Chessare joins BMC at the beginning of August, and then return to her role as chief of the Section of Geriatrics.

"We are extremely grateful for the time and effort Dr. Barry has put in to this role," says Ullian. "Her expertise has served us well, both as acting chief medical officer and in searching for someone to fill this very important role." ♦